

# Project Green Seasons

## Branching Out to the Community

A program of the  
Community Corrections  
Improvement Association

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"Trees are not going to produce miracles of safety in our violent society, but their presence is important. They are a statement of caring. Their absence is a testament to neglect."

- Anthony Bouza

Project Green Seasons is seeking community volunteers who have a desire to participate with us in our environmental awareness projects. We need your help in any of the following areas:



Planning and participating in environmental service projects with our community service clients.



Leading classroom discussions on such topics as forestry, water quality, landscape design, vegetable/flowering gardening.



Donating equipment and supplies such as shovels, work gloves, tools, lumber, water hoses or monetary donations to purchase needed supplies for our community projects.

### CAN YOU HELP?

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# Building Environmental Stewardship

## "What is Project Green Seasons?"

Through the generous support of the National Tree Trust Organization and the Greater Cedar Rapids Foundation, an environmental awareness program is offered to correctional clients who have a community service requirement to complete.

Annually, 95 clients and community volunteers contribute over 2200 service hours to the restoration of our environment.

An environmental based curriculum provides equal hours of classroom and experimental learning to the participant.

Experiencing the balances of nature and the environment teaches the importance of living a balanced life.

Environmental service learning connects clients to their communities, neighborhoods, and to caring and supportive mentors.

Clients learn about the importance of being stewards to our world. In doing so, they learn about themselves and their interconnectedness to our world. Team work, appreciation for the beauty of nature, and positive leisure time activities are all introduced in this nonthreatening outdoor arena.



Community Tree Planting



Prairie Restoration Project



Community Landscape Project & Community Gardens



## "What do clients say about Project Green Seasons?"

"I am glad I kept an open mind and tried something new and different. I've never experienced anything like this before."  
-J.B.

"Through this project, I learned about respecting each other and working as a whole to complete something worthwhile. I have been a part of creating something of beauty that I can show to my grandchildren."  
-Deb

"All the people from young to old that I met at the Indian Creek Nature Center were great fun. I learned so much and plan to continue my volunteer work."  
-Mike

## "What does the community say about Project Green Seasons?"

"Working with the community service workers is an opportunity for the Indian Creek Nature Center to connect people with nature through hands on land management experiences. It is very satisfying to know that their work will enhance the environment and quality of life for years to come."  
-Mark Pingenot, Land Steward  
Indian Creek Nature Center